

CA-APS 2008

Lessons Learned at CSU Dominguez Hills



California State University
Dominguez Hills

Outline

- What went right
- What went wrong
- How to keep the stuff that went wrong this time from going wrong again next time



What went right

- Nearly everything “visible”
 - Very few complaints (less than five) from people attending the meeting
- 111 people in attendance
- Plenary/parallel programs well-received
- Banquet (& speaker!)
- CSUDH student took 2nd place UG!
- Great weather!



What went wrong

- Mostly, minor things
 - Problems with two doors during meeting
 - All venue problems resolved within ~5 minutes
 - Not all presentations were saved
 - Some speakers deleted talks before I could get them
 - Scheduling w/administration
- One larger issue (to my knowledge...)
 - Cost



Suggestions for the next guy...

- Delegate/form committees better
 - Most delegation was done ad hoc, late
- Be more aggressive about getting talks
- Talk more with CA-APS leadership re: budget



Suggestions for CA-APS

- If budget will be a problem, early discussions are better than late
- Plan early for next (2010) meeting (already on agenda); get onto annual APS calendar
- Get promo materials to local institution earlier
 - Some APS swag arrived after meeting
 - Gave some out to student volunteers...

